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## AN ACT

### TO INCORPORATE THE GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION

PASSED FEBRUARY 3D, 1886,

CHAPTER 7, LAWS OF 1886.

AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 131, LAWS OF 1892.

*Whereas*, a voluntary Association has been formed in the City of New York, which is known as the GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION, the object of which is to erect a suitable monument or other memorial over the remains of the late Gen. ULYSSES S. GRANT, in Riverside Park in the City of New York, (where they have been permanently placed by his family,) and

*Whereas*, in order to accomplish the desired object, and to insure the perpetual care of this sacred trust, and in all proper ways to control the said memorial and the grounds connected therewith, so that the remembrance of the events in which General Grant took so important a part



may be cherished, and so that his virtues and the services which he rendered to his whole country may be held in reverence, it is necessary that a permanent organization should be created, therefore:

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. CHESTER A. ARTHUR, WILLIAM R. GRACE, HAMILTON FISH, SETH LOW, ALONZO B. CORNELL, SAMUEL L. M. BARLOW, SIDNEY DILLON, CORNELIUS N. BLISS, J. PIERPONT MORGAN, OLIVER HOYT, BRAYTON IVES, ADOLPH I. SANGER, GEORGE EHRET, WILLIAM LUMMIS, FREDERICK R. COUDERT, WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, CHARLES M. VAIL, WESLEY HARPER, RICHARD T. GREENER, BENJAMIN WOOD, WHITELAW REID, GEO. JONES, JAMES G. BENNETT, JOSEPH PULITZER, OSWALD OTTENDORFER, CHARLES A. DANA, PETER CASSIDY, CORNELIUS O'REILLEY and their successors, to be from time to time appointed as is hereinafter directed, are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name of the "GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION" with the right of perpetual succession, for the purpose of procuring and receiving by voluntary contributions, donations

and bequests, such a sum of money as may be proper for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument or other memorial, to the memory of the illustrious General Grant at Riverside Park, in the City of New York, for the purpose of erecting such monument or memorial and of keeping the same in repair, and of maintaining the same, and for these purposes to make and enforce such rules and regulations with respect to the same, as the said corporation shall deem to be necessary and proper, and which are not inconsistent with the laws of the State.

SEC. 2. The Trustees of the said corporation shall be the corporators named in Section 1 of this act, or their successors, together with sixty-seven other persons to be chosen by ballot by the existing Board of Trustees at a meeting or meetings to be specially called for such purpose by a notice, issued one week in advance thereof, to each of the existing trustees, which notice shall state the intention to elect such additional trustees, and the Governor of the State of New York and the Mayor of the City of New York, the Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, and the President of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York, shall at all times be *ex-officio* trustees of the said corporation. The corporation hereby



created may adopt and use a common seal; may elect such officers out of the body of its trustees as it may from time to time find to be necessary; may appoint a superintendent and all other necessary subordinates, and define their duties. In case of the death, resignation or inability of any trustee, the survivors may elect his successor, and they may make such by-laws for the control of the corporation and its property, and for determining the time and place of its meetings, the order of its business and the number of trustees necessary for the purpose of a quorum, as they may from time to time find to be requisite or proper, and which shall not be inconsistent with the laws of this State.

SEC. 3. The corporation hereby created shall have full power to make contracts for work and materials, and for all other purposes necessary for the objects hereinbefore stated; but no such contract shall be made for any purpose in excess of the actual money then possessed by the corporation in cash, and applicable to such purposes.

SEC. 4. The said corporation shall have full power to receive and hold any estate whether by grant or lease of land, in said Riverside Park, which may be transferred to it by the City of



New York, which said land and the structures to be erected thereon as hereinbefore provided shall, with the personal property of said Association, not exceeding one million of dollars in value, be forever exempt from all taxes and assessments; and said Association shall have full power and authority to receive and hold any contributions of money or personalty which may be contributed by any other corporation in conformity with the articles of incorporation or by-laws of such corporations.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately.

## CHAPTER No. 27.

### OF THE LAWS OF 1908.

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An Act to amend chapter six hundred and seventy of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An act to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York to enter into a contract with the Grant Monument Association for the care and preservation of the tomb of General Grant at Riverside Park."

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter six hundred and seventy of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An act to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York to enter into a contract with the Grant

Monument Association for the care and preservation of the tomb of General Grant at Riverside Park," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Upon the completion by the Grant Monument Association of the tomb of General Grant in Riverside Park, in the City of New York, the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department of said city is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a *new* contract with said association for a term of years, not less than twenty-one, and from time to time to renew the same, *in the place and stead of the present contract*, whereby said association shall without compensation, subject to the general regulations established by said Board, keep, repair, *improve* and maintain in good order said tomb, regulate the hours of admission thereto, supply heat and light, employ custodians, furnish *betterments and* reliquaries and provide additional sculpture and statuary, and in consideration thereof, and with the consent of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the said city shall pay the necessary expenses thereof. The said Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby authorized and empowered to annually appropriate such sums as shall be certified by the Commissioners of Public Parks to be necessary for the purposes



hereinbefore set forth, *including not only actual expenses, but also such sums as may be set apart by the Association for the creation of such fund as may be approved by said Association and the said Commissioner of Public Parks, for any of said purposes, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of seven thousand dollars in any one year.* The sum so appropriated shall be included each year in the amount to be levied, raised and collected by taxation on the estates, real and personal, in said city. Whenever directed so to do by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said city the Comptroller of the City of New York shall issue revenue bonds to provide the amounts so certified and appropriated in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and in any subsequent year, and the amounts of such bonds shall be included in the tax levy for the subsequent year.

§ 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Explanatory Note: The matter in italics shows the amendments made in the Law of 1897.

# CONTRACT

## THE PARK BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK WITH GRANT MONU- MENT ASSOCIATION.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this seventh day of October, 1908, by and between THE PARK BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, and the GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION, both acting under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 27 of the Laws of 1908, entitled: "AN ACT to amend Chapter Six Hundred and Seventy of the Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-seven, entitled: 'AN ACT to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York to enter into a contract with the GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION for the care and preservation of the tomb of General Grant at Riverside Park.' "

*Whereas*, by Chapter 7 of the Laws of 1886, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Grant Monument Association," said Association was created with the right of perpetual succession and was



authorized to erect a suitable monument or other memorial to the memory of the illustrious General Grant at Riverside Park in the City of New York, and to keep the same in repair and to maintain the same, and for these purposes to make and enforce such rules and regulations with respect to the same as the said corporation shall deem to be necessary and proper, and which are not inconsistent with the laws of the State; and

*Whereas*, the provision of the aforesaid Act of 1886 for the erection of a suitable monument or other memorial has been executed by the erection of a monument and tomb of General Grant in said Riverside Park, and the same was completed before the first day of June, 1897; and

*Whereas*, the duty of preserving, maintaining and carrying forward the said monument and tomb remains, and the parties hereto have been authorized by Chapter 27 of the Laws of 1908 to enter into a new contract in respect thereof in the place and stead of their old contract, entered into under Chapter 670 of the Laws of 1897, bearing date November 5, 1897, in the manner following.

*Now, it is agreed:* That the said GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION shall and will during



the full period of twenty-one years from and after the date hereof, without compensation, subject to the general regulations established by said Park Department of the City of New York, keep, repair, improve and maintain in good order said tomb, regulate the hours of admission thereto, supply heat and light, employ custodians, furnish betterments and reliquaries, and provide additional sculpture and statuary therefor.

And in consideration thereof, and with the consent of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, it is further agreed that the City of New York shall pay the necessary expenses thereof, including not only actual expenses, but also such sums as may be set apart by the Association for the creation of such fund as may be approved by said Association and the said Commissioners of Public Parks, for any of said purposes, not exceeding the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars in any one year.

It is understood that nothing herein contained shall effect the duty of the City of New York to maintain such suitable and sufficient police force in and about the said monument and tomb as circumstances may, from time to time, require.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Board has

caused the name of its President to be subscribed and the said GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION has caused its corporate seal to be affixed and the names of its President and Secretary to be subscribed hereto, the day and year first above written. Executed in triplicate.

Signed and sealed  
in presence of

THE PARK BOARD,

by HENRY SMITH,

Pres. of the Park Board.

GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION [L.S.]

by HORACE PORTER, President.

Attest: HENRY W. HAYDEN, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW YORK,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,

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ss.:  
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On this 28th day of December, 1908, before me personally came HENRY SMITH, to me known and known to me to be the President of the Park Board of the Department of Parks of the City of New York and the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he



acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

WILLIAM J. BATHE,

Notary Public, New York County.

STATE OF NEW YORK,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss. :

On this 24th day of December, 1908, before me personally came HORACE PORTER, to me known and known to me to be the President of the GRANT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION, and HENRY W. HAYDEN, to me known and known to me to be the Secretary of said Association, who being by me severally and duly sworn, did say, each for himself, as follows: The said Horace Porter that he was the President of said Association, and the said Henry W. Hayden that he was the Secretary of said Association; that he knew the corporate seal of said corporation and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument was such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that by like order he thereto signed his name and official designation.

CHESTER W. CUTHELL,

[L.S.]

Notary Public, New York County.





BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
GRANT MONUMENT  
ASSOCIATION

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Article I.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and Assistant Secretary, together with an Executive Committee, to be chosen annually from the body of the Trustees (except the Assistant Secretary, who need not be a Trustee), and will hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected. All officers and members shall serve without compensation.

In case of the death, resignation or inability to act of any officer or member, a vacancy may be declared, and the place filled by the Board of

Trustees, or the Executive Committee provided the name shall have been presented at a previous meeting; and the Board shall also at any time be authorized to remove any officer, and appoint another in the place of the one so removed.

## Article II.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall consist of thirteen members, including the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary, and shall conduct the business and affairs of the Association in the interval of the regular meetings thereof.

It shall keep a record of its proceedings which shall be duly reported to the Association.

Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any regularly called meeting.

## Article III.

### MEETINGS.

The regular yearly meeting of the Association shall be held, after one week's notice, in the month of February in each year, at which time the officers and committees to serve for the en-

suings twelve months shall be elected, and special meetings thereof may be called at any time by the President or a Vice-President.

The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held upon the call of the President, Vice-President, or any three members of said Committee.

The Building Committee shall consist of nine members, including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and three members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

#### Article IV.

##### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Special Committees may be appointed by the Association, or by the Executive Committee, from its own body, or from the general body of the Trustees, to take charge of any special matter that may be referred to such Special Committee.

#### Article V.

##### DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all moneys belonging to the Association and to disburse the same either upon the order or



draft of the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary, or upon the resolution of the Association or of the Executive Committee.

Amended as above February 28, 1905.

## Article VI.

### DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep complete records of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee; to give notice of all meetings; to have general charge of the office of the Association and to draw drafts on the Treasurer in payment of the obligations of the Association.

In case of the death, resignation or inability to act of the Secretary, the duties assigned and powers delegated to him by these by-laws, shall be performed and exercised by the Assistant Secretary.

Amended as above February 28, 1905.

## Article VII.

### POWER TO INCUR RESPONSIBILITY.

No officer or member of this Association shall have authority to incur any responsibility what-

ever, on behalf of the same, or make any expenditure of the funds of the Association, without due authority of the Board of Trustees or of the Executive Committee.

## Article VIII.

### QUORUM.

For the purposes of this Corporation ten Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## Article IX.

### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regularly called meeting of the Board of Trustees, provided that at least ten affirmative votes shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.

